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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Edward W. Knowlton

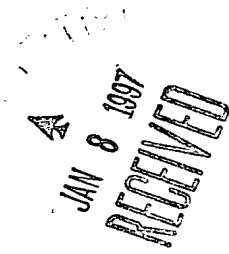
Application No. 08/635,202

Filed: April 17, 1996

For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLED
CONTRACTION OF COLLAGEN TISSUE

Group Art Unit: 1501

Examiner: Hulina, A.



AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 17, 1996 please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 25.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

23. (Amended) A method of liposculpturing an area of the body including a skin with multiple layers, and an underlying area made of a loculation of fat that has collagen tissue as a fibrous septae, comprising:

providing a [membrane and a] thermal energy source;

creating a reverse thermal gradient which cools a top surface of the skin while heating the underlying loculation of fat;